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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: LEBANON AWAITS ISRAELI RETALIATION

1. LOCAL ANXIETY MOUNTS AS LEBANON AWAITS VIOLENT ISRAELI RESPONSE  
TO FATAH OPERATION AT NAHARIYA. ISRAELI SHELLING OF LEBANESE BORDER  
AREAS JUNE 25 JENERALLY VIEWED AS PRELUDE TO ANTICIPATED REPRISAL  
ATTACK. LEBANESE ARMY G-2 REPORTS ISRAELIS FIRED ABOUT 145  
ARTILLERY AND MORTAR ROUNDS DURING AFTERNOON AND EVENING AS  
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1015Z: 25 RDS IN VALLEY BETWEEN HULA AND MAYS AL JABAL  
(3310N3531E);

1430Z: 37 RDS IN AT TIRI WOODS (3308N3524E), 7 RDS BETWEEN  
RSHAF AND DIBIL (3307N3522E);

1440Z: WT RDS S OF HARIS (3310N3523E);

1500Z: 50 RDS IN VALLEY NW OF JWAYYA (3314N3519E).

OCCASIONAL MG FIRE IN SCATTERED ARES NOTED. NO RPT NO  
CASUALTIES OR DAMAGE REPORTED AS ACCORDING G-2 ISRAELI FIRE  
DIRECTED OUTSIDE VILLAGES.

2. FATAH, CLAIMING FULL CREDIT FOR NAHARIYA RAID, ISSUED HARD-LINE "POLITICAL STATEMENT" TOUTING "ARMED STRUGGLE" AS SOLE AVENUE TO VICTORY (FBIS KYRENIA P25 1955Z JUN74). MEANWHILE, REFUGEE CAMPS ON HIGH ALERT. PRESS REPORTS EVACUATION OF CAMP DWELLERS IN SIDON AREA--AS WELL AS OF LEBANESE CIVILIANS LIVING NEARBY--JUNE 25.

3. ISRAELI PRIMIN RABIN'S DECLARATION HOLDING GOL ACCOUNTABLE FOR NAHARIYA HAS HEIGHTENED FEARS OF LEBANESE OFFICIALS ABOUT IMPENDING ISRAELI RETALIATION. CAUGHT BETWEEN DOMESTIC IMPERATIVE OF PUBLICLY SUPPORTING PALESTINIANS AND LATEST ARAB GOVT'S OFFERS TO SEND MILITARY FORCES TO LEBANON (BEIRUT PRESS CITES SADAT OFFER TO SUPPLY AIRCRAFT AND SYRIAN WILLINGNESS TO PROVIDE MOBILE AIR DEFENSE NETWORK), GOL'S CURRENT OPTIONS ARE LIMITED AND IT WILL BE WALKING SHAKY TIGHTROPE TO CAIRO, WHERE URGENT MEETING OF ARAB DEFENSE COUNCIL SCHEDULED TO CONVENE JULY 1, AT KUWAITI INITIATIVE, TO DISCUSS LEABANESE/PALESTINIAN SECURITY PROBLEM. LEBANESE HOPES OF USING SESSION TO ENLIST ARAB SUPPORT FOR RENEWED EFFORT TO DISSUADE FEDAYEEN FROM OPERATING AGAINST ISRAEL FROM LEBANESE TERRITORY MAY COLLIDE SQUARELY WITH APPARENT KUWAITI OBJECTIVE OF FORCING AFFIRMATIVE DECISION TO DES-PATCH ARAB ARMED FORCES TO LEBANON.

4. COMMENT: PRESIDENT FRANGIE HAS NEVER SOUGHT OUTSIDE ARAB MILITARY FORCES AND, OUR VIEW, IS NOT RPT NOT LIKELY TO REQUEST THEM AT THIS TIME. IN THIS REGARD, WE HAVE REPORT FROM SOUCRCES CLOSE CONFIDENTIAL

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TO PRESIDENT THAT HE PARTICULARLY DISTURBED BY FATAH INSOUCIANCE IN STAGING NAHARIYA RAID BECAUSE, ONLY HOURS BEFORE ON JUNE 24, HE HAD MET FOR FIRST TIME IN OVER A YEAR WITH 'ARAFAT AND RECEIVED CUSTOMARY ASSURANCES THAT FEDAYEEN "WOULD DO NOTHING TO ENDANGER LEBANESE SAFETY AND SECURITY."

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